A LETTER sent to D. Lauderdale

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Ezek. 21. 25.

And thou prophane, wicked Prince, whose day is come when iniquity shall have an end.

May it please your
GRACELESSNESS,

MAY It not be truly said of You as of *Eymas* of Old, (that Mis Leader of the Governor) *O full of all Subtilty! thou Child of the Devil, thou Enemy of all Righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the ways of Righteousness?* For have You not in Mischievous Subtilty, Hellish Machination, Violence and Cruelty, even Outdone *Machavel*, *Cæsar Borgia* his Prince, if not the *Spanish Inquisition* it self, as these poor Nations can sadly testifie?

For *First*, As to *Scotland*, your Native Country, (to whom you have been such a Scourge, Plague and Curse) doth it not most sadly groan under your most intollerable pressures in Church and State.

First, As to the Church, Have you not like a treacherous *Judas* (in all her Rights and Privilledges) most villanously betray'd her, and much more like an Apostate *Julian*, with Persecution, Cruelty and Bloud made havock of her? Revolters being profound to make Slaughter; for who a greater *Presbiterian* than your self in days past? and who now with a greater Rage and Blasphemy breaths out more Bloud and Slaughter against her? nd again, whilst you have formerly set up *Episcopacy* to destroy *Presbitery*, are you not now introducing *Popery* to destroy and root up both, and all that bears the Name of *Protestant*?

A *Secondly*,

Secondly, As to their *Civil Rights*, Did ever *Cataline* or *Nero* himself make greater Havock and Spoil of the *Roman* Liberties than you of the *Scots?* And first, in your *smoother way*, oh what perverting of Justice by *Bribery*, *Perjury* and *Partiality?* what grinding and oppressing the People by *Monopolies* and *new Imports?* what *Arbitrary* subverting of Laws, to set up *Will* and *Violence?* what outing the Upright, to establish Corrupt Judges and Advocates? But in your Royger path, what horrid actions of Violence have you trod in; not only by your imposing most illegal, unnatural Oaths and Bonds, but your arbitrary disfranchising and outlawing, such *multitudes*; your unmerciful Fining, Confiscating, Imprisoning, Scorching, Stigmatizing, Banishing, Selling, filling of Ships, and Transplanting into Foreign Parts such Vast Numbers, most barbarously stifling so many in *Prison-Holes*, piling them up so close together, that they have been destroyed by their *own Dung*, miserably impoverishing by Excessive Taxings, Exactions, Free Quarters, Plunderings, laying Waste whole Countrys by the insufferable Insolences of your savage, barbarous *High-Landers* and others, which, by *Thousands*, you have brought down a peaceable People, to rob, ravish and murder them, under the Conduct of that cursed Cut-Throat *D' Allel* (or bloody *D' Alva* rather, of whom you are the true Counter-part also) chasing several into remote Wanderings, dispersing and exposing *Multitudes of Families into Beggary and Ruine*, by such horrid rage and Rapine. And when by such Violent *Oppression* (which makes *Wise Men Mad*) you can force any to *Self-defence*, you have accomplished your ends, that you may thereby raise (and Butcher them with) your Armies, and be justified in keeping up a standing Force to inslave them.

And the better to leave them remedilefs, and to cut of all hopes of redressing these Grievances, how have you from time to time, for *Four Years together*, *Adjourned*, *Prorogued*, and at last *Dissolv'd the Parliament*; and since then, for *six Years* last past given a *Total Cessation thereby*; and then as to the many chargeable applications of so many Noblemen and Gentlemen out of your Country to the King, as the only remaining remedy of relief, how far you rendred all *Abortive*, by procuring (by *Your great Interest*) a deaf Ear to all their *Addresses*, the truth of all which is attested by too woful

experience

p' rience, and is more particularly expreſt in the following Books and Papers *viz. The Scotch Grievances, the Impeachment of the Duke and Dutcheſs of Lauderdale, The Relation of the Grievances and Sufferings of the Church and People of Scotland. The Earl of Caſtles Caſe. The 13 Articles to prove the Duke of Lauderdale a Papiſt, and a Deſigner to introduce Popery and Arbitrary Government.* And that called *Matter of Fact relating to the Adminiſtration of Affairs in Scotland under D.L.* And at laſt to compleat the ruine of this poor People, you having for ſome time ſince as much as in you lay ſtifled the Plot, not permitting the Printing or publiſhing there-of in *Scotland*, Put power into the hands of Popiſh Lords, made way for Popery in the Act of Supremacy, and in the Act of Conformity where you particularly provided for their Indulgence, have now ſent them the Popiſh Duke to King it over them in defiance of, and as you phraſe it over the Bellies of ſo many wholeſom Laws, purpoſely made by your Anceſtors to prevent, the intollerable Blaſphemy and Tyranny of the Romiſh Yoke, To let us timely know that if Laws may be broken by a Popiſh Duke, how much more may they be violated by a Popiſh King. A Summary of which Laws are lately Printed out of your *Scotch Statute Book*, whereby we may ſee what we muſt truſt to, and that it is impoſſible, but that Popery and Arbitrary Power muſt go hand in hand.

And as for *England* how have you made us dance after your *Scotch Pipe* by advancing Will and Pleaſure above Law, which you ſo audaciouſly adventured to adviſe and promote in publick Councel, deſigning alſo to impoſe the Sword Law upon us by the 22000 men raiſed by You in *Scotland* to that end, as the Parliament complaint againſt You, and for your baniſhment for the ſame in their Addreſs to the King, *April* 23. 1675. makes manifeſt, What Adjournings, Prorogeings and Diſſolving of our Parliaments have you procured us from time to time, and with what ignominious Contempt have you ſet at nought our *Engliſh Parliament*, callin, them *The many headed Beaſt*, That if they Addreſt againſt you, *You would ſnarl at them*, and if they bark at you, *You had a Dog in your Arſe would not only bark at but bite them*, comparing them to a Fart, which makes a great noiſe, and goes off with a Stink, and now to compleat our ruine alſo have you now at this very juncture the better to ſmother the Plot, ſave the Popiſh Lords and Traitors, introduce Tyranny and Popery not only in your *Scotch* mode to ſet at ſuch diſtance our Parliament, but put the *Proteſtant*

Duke first into banishment then into disfavour, and returned the *Popish* Duke out of banishment not only into favour; but to ride triumphantly through our Nation into your Principality to be put into the Head of a Popish Army to make us tamely accept of the Popish Succession and Yoke, tho its true, you have not yet so pul'd off the hood here as there, giving the Children for the present some Sugar plumbs the better to lull them asleep, till the Army of Cut-throats are ready. As tho *Papists* were by your late Proclamation as Incendiaries, Traitors and dangerous Persons to be banished from City and Court with us, yet commissioned, hugged and armed, as the best of *Subjects* at the same time with you. Therefore pray you as our principal Minister tell us, first why the D. of Y. who with other willingly withdrawn persons to the *Romish Religion* is by the Statutes of *El.* 13. & *Jam.* 3. 4. lately proclaimed guilty of high Treason. And yet at the same time Commissioned principal Counsellor in *Scotland*, if not *Generalissimo* and *vice-Roy* so much in violation of so many of their known Laws, also secondly, why the *Papists* in *Italy*, *France*, *Flanders* and the *Tower* must know our greatest Secrets, and be able to give an Account of our Proclamations and Prorogations (so many days, yea weeks) before any *Protestant* in the privy Council or other have any knowledg thereof, as our Merchants Letters, the *Mantua* Gazette and most certain experience testifyeth. And whether this doth not demonstrate that our greatest Affairs are most certainly steered by *Popish Councels*, and that you undoubtedly are as your Countrymen charges you a Factor and Pentioner for *Rome*, and for which those Letters from *Rome* read in the Parliament House do give you and your Dutchess those due Acknowledgments.

It is true we must acknowledg that (*Gaveston* like) you are a great Minion and Favourite (which by your own intreaguing faculty and the inchantments of that *French Strumpet* you have obtained) and to that degree that has made you so traitrously boast, *That in case you fall, the K. shall fall with you*, and which you give out in the *Scotch* Dialect (*That I'st pull the roof once alongst with me*) you being it seems much of *Caligula*'s Temper that if you could you would have the whole frame of Nature fall with you But in the mean time you are sure and unmoveable singing a *Requiem* with your Mother the *Danish Hamlet* who saith, she shall not a Queen and have no sorrow; but take heed God and Man is not always to be mockt and provoked, least abused Patience, as the saying is, *turn*

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to fury, *Læta Patientia ſit furor.* Have you never read of *Architophel* and *Hammon* as great Favourites and privy Counſellors as your ſelf, and what became of them? and in our *Engliſh* Story of the *Spencers* and *Gaveſtone* in *Edward* the *Seconds* time, and the concluſions they made, of *Ratcliff Catesby* and *Lovell* in *R.* 3. time, not inferiour to your ſelf, and of whom twas ſaid,

Rat and *Cat* and *Lovell* the Dog
Rule all *England* under the *Hog*,

And how they dyed like Dogs and Cats at laſt, of Cardinal *Woolſy* in *H.*8. time and his fatal end, of *Stanly*, *Empſon* and *Dudley* in *H.*7. time and what their fates, *Somerſet* in K. *J.* and the great *Buckingham* in *C.* 1. of whom when he grew to big for Law, and that Parliaments could not reach him, it was ſaid in the *Libel*,

Let Ch. *and* George *do what they can*,
Yet George *ſhall dye like Dr* Lamb.

and how verifyed you know, your proud Friends and Intimates *Hide Clifford* and *Danby*, ought not to be forgotten, as well as the Dukes of *Guiſe* in *H.*3. of *France*, the Duke of *Biron* in *H.*4. Marquels *D'Avere* in *Lewis* 13. your imperious proud Countryman & Prelate Cardinal *Beton* in your Q. *Mary*, and the late Marquels *Valenzuela* under the Q. Regent of *Spain*, all worthy of your Remembrance to inmind you what a *Strapado* ſome Men have met with who have climed to your height of the Ladder.

But that you may avoid the ſad fates of theſe Unfortunate Favourites, let this preſume to give you a little wholeſom Counſel.

Firſt, That with wicked *Ahab*, proud *Nebuchadneſſar* and bloody *Manaſſah*, you would humble your ſelf to God and Man, and Repent of your Treaſons, Atheiſm, Apoſtacy, Blaſphemy, Prophaneſs Pride, Covetouſneſs, Bribery Tyranny, Oppreſſion Treachery, Injuſtice, Cruelty, Blood, Obſcenity and Adultery, There being mercy with God for the greateſt Sinner, who hath not ſinned the unpardonable Sin.

Secondly, That you do with all your might further the Parliaments Sitting at the time appointed this Month.

But if you are reſolved to harden your Neck with *Pharo* againſt all warnings, then take what follows for ſurely Vengeance will overtake you and your ſin will find you out and recompence will be given you according to the work of your hands.

And if the diſmal Prophecy of your Countryman Sir *James Gallaway*

Gallaway must be fulfilled upon you, *viz.* To be torn in pieces by the People, as Sir *A H.* can tell you if You doubt it who can help it. It is true Popular Vengeance is an Execution of Justice, though not allowed by our Church, yet well enough approved not only by many of your own Doctors, and the familiar known Practise of your Country (as exemplified in former and later time in your Story from the highest to the lowest) but particularly recommended as wholesom Doctrine and laudably to be practised in the famous Book sent us from the Kings Court then at *Brussels* in *Olivers* time called *Killing no murder*, and which to gratifie your Curiosity in that Doctrine, take here some of his Grounds to be tryed by your profound and exquisite Judgment.

'Page 7. The Safety of Mankind were but ill provided for, if 'there were no kind of Justice to reach great Villanies, but they 'should be *immanitate scelerum tuti*, secured by the greatness of 'their crimes. Our Laws would be then but Cobwebs indeed 'made only to catch Flyes, but not to hold Wasps and Hornets, and 'it might be said of all Commonwealths, that was said of *Athens* 'there only small Thieves were hanged, but the great ones were 'free, but he that will secure himself of all hands must know he 'secures himself from none, he that flyes Justice in the Court, 'must expect to find it in the Street, and he that goes armed a-'gainst every man arms every man against himself, *Bellum est in 'eos qui judiciis coercere non possunt suis.* Cic. We have War with 'them against whom we can have no Law. And certainly, by the 'Law of Nature, *ubi cessat Justitia*, where no Justice can be had 'every man may be his own Magistrate (as that Maxim of the 'Law, *ubi Lex cessat, jus suis sua Libertatis cindex*) for the Law '(saith *Grotius*) that forbids me to purse my right, but by a due 'course of Law, certainly supposes, *ubi copia est Judicii*, where 'Law and Justice is to be had, otherwise that Law was a defence 'for Injuries, not One against them, and quite contrary to the na-'ture of all Laws would become the protection of the guilty a-'gainst the Innocent, not of the Innocent against the Guilty, *pag.* 8. '*Contra publicos hostes, & Majestatis reos omnis homo miles est* (saith 'Tertullian) against common Enemies and those that are Traitors 'to the Commonwealth every man is a Soldier (from whom K. 'James took his Maxim, That every one was a listed Soldier a-'gainst a Tyrant) and without doubt wheresoever 'tis prudent 'tis al-'ways lawful to kill the Thieves, whom we can bring to no other

'Justice

'Justice, and not only lawful to do our selves right, but glorious,
'and to deserve of Mankind to free the world of a Common Rob-
'ber. p. 9. Those that have said Faith was to be kept even with
'the perfidious, yet they thought a Tyrant could receive no Injus-
'tice but to be let live, and that the most lawful way to destroy
'him was the readiest, no matter whether by force or fraud, for a-
'gainst Beasts of prey men use the Toil and the Net as well as the
'Spear and the Lance (as another saith giving no Law to the wolf,
'fox, polecat, mad dog, but every One knocks them on th head that
'can, and by any way thats possible.

'The Law of God it self decreed *Deut.* 17. 12. certain Death to
'that Man that would do presumptuously, and submit to neglect
'on of Justice But certainly neither that nor any other Law were
'to any effect, if there were no way to put it in execution. But
'in a Tyrants case, Process and citation have no place, and if we
'will only have formal remedies against him we are sure to have
'none, there is small hope of Justice; when the Malefactor hath
'a power to condemn the Judg.

'All Remedy therefore against a Tyrant is *Ehuds* Dagger, with-
'out which all our *Laws* are fruitless and we helpless, This is the
'high Court of Justice, when *Moses* brought the *Ægyptian Phi-*
'*neas Lawes* and *Cosbi*, whether *Ehud* brought *Eglon*, *Sampson* the
'*Philistines*, *Samuel Agag*, and *Jehoiadah* the the Tyrant *Athalia*.

Thus far a celebrated Author and Poet of your own which may be the more acceptable to you, but least you be tired with Repetition, it is better to recommend you to the Book it self, where there is much more to the same purpose. And at present leave you with the words of the *Author* out of the Book of *Job* 20.

'Darkness is hidden in his secret places, a fire not blown shall con-
'sume him, it shall go ill with him that is left in his Tabernacle,
'he shall flee from the Iron weapon, and a Bow of Steel shall strike
'him through because he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor, be-
'cause he violently took away a house which he builded not. (We
may be challenged and so may you that crie long all this will be ac-
complished.) For the triumphing of the wicked is but short, and
'the joy of the Hypocrite but for a moment. Though your Ex-
'cellency mount up to the Heavens and your head reach unto the
'Clouds, Yet you shall perish for ever like your own Dung They
'which have seen you shall say where is he.

That

That Speedy, Publick, and Impartial Justice may take place upon you to ease Mankind of such an intollerable Miscreant and Devil Incarnate, as *YOU* are is the Common Prayer, wherein (*except PAPISTS*) all Sorts agree, as being You may assure yourself the plain *English* and true *Scotch* of

Ps. 109. 16, 17, 18, 19.
Prov. 25. 5.

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